(d) what are the details of action taken against the staff; and

(e) what are the steps taken to minimise corruption and inefficiency etc., from the department ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected andwill be laid on the Table of the House.

Shifting of Office of Director of Postal Services from Rajkot to Ahmedabad

204. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of shifting the Office of Director of Postal Services from Rajkot to Ahmedabad is under active consideration of the Department;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) when the Office of the Director of Postal Services at Rajkot was set up and what were the reasons for doing so;

(d) what is the experience of Regional Directorate Office at Rajkot in particular and this kind of decentralisation in general; and

(e) whether it is more efficient than economical?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The office of the Director of Postal Services at Rajkot was set up on 24th September, 1980 under the Decentralisation Scheme. This Scheme was intended to give the entire Postal set up a field Orientation. The Scheme was reviewed in 1981 and was found ground and successful.

Manufacture of Cephalexin

205. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Cephalexin is not manufactured and it is being imported;

(b) if so, quantity imported during the last two years, yearwise and what was the average landed cost per kg. along with source of import;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Cephalexin is being imported from their principles at very high price through small scale units under transfer pricing; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof :

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The requirements of cephalexin are mostly being met by imports.

(b) In 1982-83 and 1983-84 the following quantities were imported.

Year	Imported Kgs.	Average CIF price Rs./Kg
1982-83 . . .	9623	1643·65
1983-84 . . .	17645	1531·28

Imports of Cephalexin are from sources like UK, Spain, Italy, Switzerland etc. The landed cost of imports depends upon the Custom duty in vogue from time to time.

(c) and (d) Nothing to this effect has come to the notice of Government.

Import of TIOC

206. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the custom duty on TIOC in September, 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge quantity of TIOC was imported by companies between April to September, 1984 at concessional custom duty and made huge unintended benefit;

(c) names of units along wit quantity imported by each and CIF price per kg during this period;

(d) names of the companies along with quantity of TIOC in stock in September, 1984;

(e) what was the production of final bulk drug produced from imported TIOC of concessional custom duty and at what price the bulk drug was sold along with names of formulators.

(f) whether any steps were taken by Government to get the benefit of concessional custom duty passed on to consumers; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Concessional rate of customs duty on Erythromycin Thiocyanate (TIOC) was removed in 1984.

(b) There have been no reports to this effect.

(c) to (e) As imports of TCIO are on OGL, the time and efforts involved in compiling the data are not commensurate with results likely to be achieved.

(f) and (g) The prices of Erythromycin and its salts and of formulations based thereon are fixed taking into account the prevailing customs duty on TIOC.

Non-fulfilment of Ratio Parameters by Abbot

207. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Abbot did not fulfil ratio parameters and re-endorsement of capacity of formulations was allowed to this company with a condition to fulfil ratio parameters within a period of two years, otherwise to export formulations of total re-endorsed capacity;

(b) whether an undertaking from the company was taken in this respect before allowing re-endorsement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company did not fulfil ratio parameters within the stipulated period of two years and the period expired in August, 1984; and

(d) what are the formulations exported from September, 1984 to 31st October, 1985 along with quantity of each formulation, composition, FOB price and total value of export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Re-endorsement is subject to the condition referred to in part (a) of question.

(c) Yes, Sir. Since the company has failed to fulfil this condition within